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SUBJECT: US-EC BILATERAL ON AGRICULTURE

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1. THERE IS VIRTUALLY NO CHANCE THAT GUNDELACH WOULD
ACCEPT JUNE 20 INVITATION FOR WASHINGTON TALKS AND NOT
MUCH CHANCE THAT RABOT WOULD EITHER SINCE EC AGRICULTURE
MINISTERS ARE MEETING IN LUXEMBOURG JUNE 19 AND 20. I DO
BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT IT IS HIGHLY IMPORTANT TO ENGAGE
GUNDELACH PERSONALLY PRIOR TO JUNE 27 FOREIGN MINISTERS
MEETING. THUS, I AM LED TO SUGGEST THAT BOB STRAUSS,
YOURSELF, AND APPROPRIATE SENIOR AGRICULTURE OFFICIALS
PROPOSE TO VISIT GUNDELACH HERE PERHAPS JUNE 24 OR 26.
ALSO AGAINST POSSIBILITY THAT JUNE 27 COUNCIL WILL NOT TAKE
MATTERS FAR ENOUGH I SUGGEST THAT YOU CONSIDER A FURTHER
STRAUSS VISIT SPECIFICALLY TO TALK WITH JENKINS AND
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HAFERKAMP PRIOR TO THE EUROPEAN SUMMIT AT BREMEN JULY 6 AND
7, SINCE IT IS CONCEIVABLE, IF NOT NOW CONSIDERED LIKELY,
THAT ON MARGIN OF HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETING FOREIGN
MINISTERS COULD MAKE FURTHER PROGRESS ON COMMUNITY POSITION.

2. CONCERNING GUNDELACH, ANOTHER REMOTE POSSIBILITY WOULD
BE TO PROPOSE TO HIM THE POSSIBILITY OF A VISIT TO WASHING-

TON THE WEEK OF JUNE 12. IF THIS COULD BE DONE, AND I'M
NOT OPTIMISTIC ABOUT HIS RESPONSE SINCE HE HAS TRAVEL PLANS
AIMED AT PREPARING WAY FOR COMMUNITY DECISION ON FISH
JUNE 20, IT WOULD BE USEFUL PREPARATION FOR STRAUSS-
HAFERKAMP, AG MINS AND FONMINS MEETINGS. HINTON

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